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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
FRANK BACHMANN ET AL  
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LIGANDS  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend this application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fee and consideration on the merits.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please add the following claims.